measures, 13 stations in North Eastern Region have been selected for development as Model Stations and in 3 such stations works have been completed and work is in various stages of progress in the remaining stations.

(b) The details of Budget Allotment, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure (Rs. in crore) under the Plan Head "Passenger Amenities" for the last three years on North East Frontier Railway is as under :–

Sl.No.	Year	Budget allotment	Revised estimate	Actual expenditure
1.	2000-01	11.13	6.70	6.98
2.	2001-02	12.07	8.93	10.05
3.	2002-03	19.67	18.43	16.70

In addition to above, expenditure is also incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of the railway stations through revenue demands.

Items confiscated by RPF in random checking

3277. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many passengers that carry inflammable materials with them concealed in their baggage;

(b) if so, whether RPF is entitled to conduct surprise baggage checks at all major railway stations;

(c) if so, the number of checks conducted by RPF at Delhi station in the last one year and the details of questionable/objectionable items confiscated by the RPF during these surprise checks; and

(d) how many cases were booked after such checks for questionable/ objectionable itmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some passengers do carry inflammable materials with them alongwith or concealed in their baggage.

(b) to (d) "Policing" being a subject matter of the State Government, security of passengers in the running trains and Railway premises is the constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned. The cases

of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). The Railway administration and RPF assist the Government Railway Police for better security of passengers. Where offences under section 164 of Railway Act (unlawfully bringing dangerous goods on a Railway) are noticed, the offenders are apprehended and produced before the Magistrates or handed over to the GRP for necessary action. RPF independently does not conduct luggage checks at railway stations.

Mobile bookstall-cum-library

3278. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile bookstall-cum-library on the long distance trains is an important passenger amenity as indicated in the letter No. 75TGIII/461/37ML, dated 21st November, 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that one IInd class card pass with one IInd class berth in each rake of long distance trains is being provided to a contractor of mobile bookstall-cum-library; and

(c) whether the mobile bookstall-cum-library is only to be awarded to the unemployed graduate categories as per the letter No. 77TGIII/461/31, dated 6th Februrary, 1978?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) The facility of Mobile Bookstall-cum-Library had been made available on a few long distance trains historically. It had also been decided to give the facility of free second class passes to the mobile libraries-cum-bookstall holders. After a review in 1986, it was decided that the facility of mobile bookstall-cum-library should not be further introduced due to poor patronage from passengers.

EMUs in Delhi

3279. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special trains on the Delhi Circular Railway are run for limited period both in the morning and evening mainly to cater to the needs of office goers, unlike Mumbai, where EMUs run for most part of the day; and